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25X1 1. on 1 December 1949, it was agreed
that the following would be appointed to the Supreme Court (Oberster
Gerichtshof):

President: Kurt Schumann, Landgerichts-Direktor from Erfurt, party affiliation
unknown.

Vice-President: Oberrichter Wilde Benjamin (SED), an active Communist.*

Ministerial-Direktor Wilhelm Weinrich, from Schwerin.**

Ministerialrat. Kurt Kohn (CDU), from Berlin.

Antsgericht-Direktor Maximilian Stegmann (IDJ), from Bad Schandau.

25X1 Generalstaatsanwalt: Ernst Mensheimer, an old KPD member from Berlin who was
Vice-President of the Central Administration for Justice under Max Fechner.

25X1 2. These appointments will probably be confirmed and made public at the next meeting
of the Volkskammer which is to take place about 8 December 1949.

25X1 3. Karl Steinhoff, Minister of the Interior,
 has been in the Crimea since about 15 November 1949.

25X1 4. Richard Stainer, Chief of the Brandenburg
Police, Paul Markgraf, Police Chief of Berlin, and Hermann Lewerenz will be
away for a full year and are too far away to be visited.***

25X1 A lawyer, formerly employed by the Soviet Trade Delegation
in Berlin. She was Chief of Personnel Affairs in the Central Administration for
Justice under Max Fechner.

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[] Comment: Head of the Department of Justice of Land Mecklenburg.
A weak old man who is overshadowed by Frau Jonny Loehr, head of the Personnel
Section of the Mecklenburg Department of Justice.

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[] Comment: Markgraf was reported to have left for Moscow in October 1949 in
order to follow an eleven month course of an undisclosed nature.

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